

Celebrating



INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY 2020

In line with

UN IWD 2020 Theme:

I Am Generation Equality: Securing Women's Rights

&

2020 International Campaign Theme

An equal world is an enabled world.

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1 DAY SEMINAR

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Women's Studies Centre, Nagaland University, Kohima campus observed International Women's Day 2020 at Kohima Campus NU on March 6 in line with the UN theme, *I Am Generation Equality: Securing Women's Rights* and World International Women's Day 2020 theme *#EachforEqual*.

To celebrate the day the centre brought about a convergence of faculty, administrative staff and the students in Kohima Campus to create greater awareness on the significance of the day. A significant highlight of the day was in having Prof. M. Aleminla Ao who is the only woman Pro Vice Chancellor serving under Nagaland University, Kohima Campus as the honored guest. Professor Ao highlighted that International Women's Day is globally celebrated in order to provide opportunities to reinforce the fact that everyone has a role to play in forging a more gender balanced world. The day marks a call of action for speeding gender equality while recognizing the achievements of women who have excelled in their respective fields. She also stated that the path of women's equality has been long and challenging, yet she lamented that despite some progress being made; real change has been slow in the world as not a single country can claim to have achieved gender equality. Prof. Ao said that it's time for all to realize how far women have come and what still needs to be done, it's time that everyone take proactive role in breaking down barriers towards gender equality. She also stressed on equal share of chores at home, equal representation in politics and offices, equal in decision making bodies and equal value for boys and girls. She called on everyone to collectively affirm in building a better world where all generations will live harmoniously, free of violence and discrimination and where all will have equal rights and opportunity regardless of gender.

Department of Education, Prof. Lungsang Zeliang speaking at the event said that women's rights and gender equality are taking centre stage this year and rightly so because it is a prerequisite for society to thrive. She however said that change in this direction has been unsatisfactory and terribly slow in spite of the collective efforts world over.

Lungsang also said that gender equality is not only about women's rights but is also about human rights, adding that it is time to challenge stereotypes and take action for equality. "As women in higher education in whatever capacity as an administrators, teaching or non teaching or as

students or researchers, we are the lucky ones who have a voice, who work in equal spaces and making a difference”, she remarked. Also stressing on the urgent need to accelerate gender equality, Zeliang challenged all to be instruments in removing the systemic barriers that hold back women from full participation in private or public domains and join hands in creating an equal and enabled world.

President NUSU, Rhilo Mero speaking on the theme #EachforEqual ruminated, would not it be great to be in a world where we are no longer governed by gender stereotyped laws or principles of the society, or would it not be even better if we could all pursue the same ambitions and dreams without any borders? He added the possibility of such a world to happen if each and every one of us learn to treat each other as one and do our bit to bring about gender equality, than only, we are able to move forward to a more stable, healthier and a richer world as together we should stand as #EachforEqual.

The program was chaired by Ms. Thungchanbeni, Asst. Professor, and Dept of History & Archeology. Dr,Mimi.K.Ezung delivered the welcome Speech. The Invocation and Serenading women through melodious songs were presented by the Nagaland University Students Union, Kohima Campus. Vote of Thanks was proposed by the NUSU,Women Representative.

Glimpses of the International Women's Day 2020 Celebration











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